

**Town of Hanson**  
**542 Liberty Street, Hanson, MA 02341**

## **Special Town Meeting - May 1, 2000**

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Moderator Charles W. Mann called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Middle School with James Armstrong, Sandra Gowin and Robert Forte appointed and sworn in as tellers.

Town Counsel was Richard Bowen from Kopelman and Paige.

A quorum was declared present.

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash and/or transfer from additional lottery receipts and/or transfer from the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 93, S.S. Vo-Tech, to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 97, Police Other Wages or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Police Chief

**Explanation:** This amount is needed to get through the balance of this fiscal year.

Finance Committee recommends

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$10,000 from Free Cash to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, line 97 Police Other Wages.**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash and/or transfer from additional lottery receipts and/or transfer from the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 93, S.S. Vo-Tech, to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 30 Clerical Wages or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** We have had an employee out for an extended period of time due to illness and it was necessary to hire a part-time person to cover the office. In addition, due to the number of additional staffing requests and vacation coverage, the overtime fund for this budget item has been depleted. This article is necessary to fund the line in order pay the clerical wages for the balance of the fiscal year.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$3000.00 from available Free Cash to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, line 30 Clerical Wages.**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash and/or transfer from additional lottery receipts to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 7, Town Insurance or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends to pass over.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to Pass Over.**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash and/or transfer from additional lottery receipts and/or transfer from the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 93, S.S. Vo-Tech, to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 15, Copier Supplies or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$4,000.00 from available Free Cash to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, line 15, Copier Supplies.**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash and/or transfer from additional lottery receipts to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 14, Legal Expenses or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$50,000.00 from Additional Lottery Receipts to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, line 14, Legal Expenses.**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to add to section 11C, Line Q of the Personnel Classification and Compensation By-Law of the General By-Laws the position Assistant Caretaker: \$8.00 to \$10.00 to be established immediately or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Wage & Personnel

**Explanation:** No funds need to be appropriated for this position as the funding will come from the Revolving account.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting

**VOTED Aye, voice to add to section 11C, Line Q of the Personnel Classification and Compensation By-Law of the General By-Laws the position Assistant Caretaker: \$8.00 to \$10.00 to be established immediately.**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, Article 2-12, Classification and Compensation by deleting sections 11A through 11F and inserting the new sections 11A through 11F as printed below;

**SECTION 11A: ADMINISTRATIVE/SUPERVISORY POSITIONS**

	7/1/99	7/1/00
a. Director of Elder Affairs	32,037 to 39,995	32,037 to 42,000
b. Town Accountant	40,000 to 50,000	40,000 to 50,000
c. Treasurer/Collector	40,000 to 52,000	40,000 to 52,000
d. Inspector of Buildings	1.00 to 39,500	30,000 to 39,500
e. Health Agent	1.00 to 41,920	32,082 to 41,920

**SECTION 11B: ADMINISTRATIVE AND PART TIME POSITIONS**

	7/1/99	7/1/00
a. Management Ass't to Brd. of Sel.	13.00 to 17.00	13.00 to 17.00
b. Asst. to Police Chief	13.00 to 16.50	13.00 to 16.91
c. Youth Services Librarian	13.00 to 16.00	13.00 to 16.00
d. Reference Librarian	16.00 to 18.00	16.00 to 18.00
e. Technical Services Librarian	16.00 to 18.00	16.00 to 18.00
f. Asst. Insp. of Buildings	13.00 to 16.00	13.00 to 16.00
g. Gas Inspector	13.00 to 16.00	13.00 to 16.00
h. Plumbing Inspector	13.00 to 16.00	13.00 to 16.00
i. Wiring Inspector	13.00 to 16.00	13.00 to 16.00
j. Veterans Agent	7,480 to 9,892	7,480 to 10,140
k. Civil Defense Director	932 to 1,029 yr.	932 to 1,029
l. Social Day Care Coordinator*	14.00 to 16.00	14.00 to 16.00
m. Community Care Coordinator	\$9,000.00	13.50 to 16.00
n. Camp Kiwanee Rental/Program Coordinator	11.00 to 11.44	11.00 to 11.73
o. Program Director	12.00 to 16.00	12.00 to 16.00

**SECTION 11C OTHER PART TIME POSITIONS**

	7/1/99	7/1/00
a. Animal Control Officer	12.20 to 12.69	12.20 to 13.01
b. Animal Inspector	1,025 to 1,166	1,025 to 1,195
c. Election Clerk	6.51 to 7.42	6.51 to 7.61
d. Election Officer	6.30 to 7.20	6.30 to 7.38
e. Election Warden	6.95 to 7.90	6.95 to 8.10
f. Registrar of Voters	8.03 to 9.00	8.03 to 9.23
g. Sealer of Weights & Measurers	1,128 yr.	1,156 yr
h. Milk Inspector	140 to 155 yr	140 to 155 yr.
i. Custodian	11.72 to 13.59	11.72 to 13.93

j. Police Matron	8.28 to 9.15	8.28 to 9.38
k. Asst Veterans Agent	9.61 to 10.93	9.61 to 11.20
l. Finance Committee Secretary	8.61 to 9.80	8.61 to 10.05
m. Emergency Clerical Labor	8.61 to 9.80	8.61 to 10.05
n. Camp Kiwanee Caretaker	374.02 week	383.37 wk.
o. Library Page	Federal Minimum	Federal Minimum
p. Activities Coordinator-Senior Ctr.*	11.55 hr	11.84 hr.

\* Positions are funded through the Senior Revolving account and grants.

#### SECTION 11D: SEASONAL POSITIONS

	7/1/99	7/1/00
a. Beach Director	9.71 hr.	11.00 hr.
b. Water Safety Instructor	7.75 hr.	9.00 hr.
c. Lifeguard	7.27 hr.	8.00 hr.
d. Boat Coordinator	7.27 hr.	7.27 hr.
e. Concession Worker	6.06 hr.	fed. min.
f. Recreation assistants	fed.min.	fed. min.
g. Security	11.63 hr.	11.63 hr.

#### SECTION 11E: TRANSPORTERS 7/1/99 7/1/00

Van Driver/Aide	9.29 hr.	9.52 hr.
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#### SECTION 11F: CALL FIRE FIGHTERS/OFFICERS

	7/1/99	7/1/00
First yr. Call Firefighters		
Tours	12.41 hr.	12.72 hr.
Drills	11.09 hr.	11.37 hr.
Details	18.62 hr.	19.09 hr.
First yr. Call EMT's		
Tours	13.07 hr.	13.40 hr.
Drills	11.74 hr.	12.03 hr.
Details	18.62 hr.	19.09 hr.
Second yr. Call Firefighters		
Tours	13.07hr.	13.40 hr.
Drills	11.74 hr.	12.03 hr.
Details	18.62 hr.	19.09 hr.
Second yr Call EMT'S		
Tours	13.72 hr.	14.06 hr.
Drills	12.41 hr.	12.72 hr.
Details	20.59 hr.	21.20 hr.
Call Lieutenants		
Tours	14.39 hr.	14.75 hr.
Drills	13.07 hr.	13.40 hr.
Details	21.56 hr.	22.10 hr.
Call Lieutenants EMT'S		
Tours	15.04 hr.	15.42 hr.
Drills	13.72 hr.	14.06 hr.
Details	22.55 hr.	23.11 hr.

A \$500.00 stipend will be paid in June of each fiscal year to those Call Firefighters who successfully complete and maintain the certification of an EMT recognized by the State and approved by the Fire Chief.

or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Wage & Personnel Board

**VOTED Aye, voice to amend the General Bylaws, Article 2-12, Classification and Compensation by deleting Section 11A through 11F and inserting the new section 11A through 11F with the addition in section 11C of line q. Assistant Caretaker with a salary range of \$8.00 to \$10.00 an hour and deleting in column 7/1/00 b. of Section 11A Town Accountant “40,000 to 50,000 “and inserting in its place “40,000 to 50,439” and deleting in column 7/1/00 line a. of section 11B Management Assistant to Board of Selectmen “13.00 to 17.00” and inserting in its place “\$13.00 to \$17.19”.**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash and/or transfer from additional lottery receipts and/or transfer from the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 93, S.S. Vo-Tech, to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 105, Highway Other Salaries and Wages or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

**Explanation:** This winter has depleted our overtime funds and this appropriation is needed to complete this fiscal year.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$2,000.00 from the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 93, S.S. Vo-Tech to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, line 106, Salary and Wages.**

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash and/or transfer from additional lottery receipts to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 101, Fire Chief Wages or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** It is necessary to increase the line due to the settlement of the fire contract. The Chief's pay is based on the highest firefighters pay as provided by statute.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Nay, voice to transfer \$2,178.00 from Additional Lottery Receipts to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, line 101, Fire Chief Wages.**

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash and/or transfer from additional lottery receipts to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 102, Firefighters- F/T Wages or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** To fund the contract for Fiscal Year 2000.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye, voice to Pass Over.**

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash and/or transfer from additional lottery receipts and/or transfer from Ambulance Fees to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 104, Fire Dept. Expenses or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Fire Chief

**Explanation:** This is to fund the reimbursement for the firefighters who have completed the Paramedics course on their own and to purchase necessary equipment and medications to start the Paramedic services for the Town.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$7,000.00 from the Additional Lottery Receipts and transfer \$35,000.00 from the Ambulance Fee Fund to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, line 104, Fire Department Expenses.**

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Parks and Fields Commission to use and control of a portion of the Town Forest for a Skate Board Complex. This portion to be that which abuts Botieri Field, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by Edward Bates and  
118 others

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting.

**VOTED Aye, voice to allow the Parks and Fields Commission to use and control a portion of the Town Forest for a Skate Board Complex. This portion to be that which abuts Botieri Field.**

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available free cash and/or transfer from the Additional Lottery

Receipts to purchase bleachers for the Botieri Field or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Parks and Fields Commission

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$7,000.00 from Free Cash to purchase bleachers for the Botieri Field.**

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Recap-Tax Title Account to an article for the Treasurer/Collector use in Tax Title procedures to take any action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

**Explanation:** This is a housekeeping item suggested by the Department of Revenue to change the location of the existing account.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$51,852.00 from the Recap Tax Title Account to Article 14 Special Town Meeting May 2000 for the Treasurer/Collectors' use in Tax Title Procedures.**

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash and/or transfer from the Additional Lottery Receipts to be added to the October 1998 Special Town Meeting, Article 9, Town Hall Renovations or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** These funds are necessary to replace the money expended for the six heaters on the roof of the old section of the Town Hall.

Finance Committee refers to Town Meeting

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$36,481.00 from Free Cash to be added to the October 1998 Special Town meeting, Article 9, Town Hall Renovations**

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash, and/or additional lottery receipts and/or transfer from Article 5 Line 3, Interest of the May 1999 Annual Town Meeting, a sum of money to be added to Article 5, Line 8, of the May 1999 Annual Town Meeting, unemployment, or take any other action thereto.

Proposed by the Treasurer/Collector

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye 81, Nay 69 to transfer from Article 5, line 3, Interest of the May 1999 Annual Town Meeting, \$4,068.00 to be added to Article 5, line 8 of the May 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Unemployment**

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available free cash, and/or transfer from the additional lottery receipts to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Article 5, Line 46, Election Wages and/or Article 5, Line 47, Election Expenses or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Town Clerk

**Explanation:** These funds are needed to cover the costs incurred by the election in October.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$2,000.00 from Free Cash, \$1,000.00 to be added to Article 5, line 46, Election Wages and \$1,000.00 to be added to Article 5, line 47, Election Expenses of the 1999 Annual Town Meeting.**

**ARTICLE 18:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash and/or transfer from the Additional Lottery Receipts a sum of money to be added to the May 1999 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 9, Reserve Fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Finance Committee

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$15,000.00 from the Additional Lottery Receipts to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, line 9, Reserve Fund.**

**ARTICLE 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise through borrowing the sum of \$81,012.37 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State under Chapter 53, of the Acts of 1999 (6037-0019), for continuing state aid construction of public highways approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts Highway Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to raise by borrowing the sum of \$81,012.37 in anticipation of reimbursements from the State under Chapter 53, of the Acts of 1999(6037-0019) for continuing State Aid Construction of Public Highways approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts Highway Department.**

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$6,000.00 from Free Cash and or Additional Lottery Receipts to the May 3, 1999 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 112, Street Sweeping or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye, voice to transfer \$6,000.00 from Free Cash to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, line 112, Street Sweeping.**

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise through borrowing the sum of \$81,012.37 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State Chapter 127, of the Acts of 1999 for continuing state aid construction of Public highways approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts Highway Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to raise through borrowing the sum of \$81,012.37 in anticipation of reimbursement from the State Chapter 127, of the Acts of 1999 for continuing state aid construction of Public highways approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Massachusetts Highway Department.**

**ARTICLE 22:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Surplus Account, a sum of money to pay a court judgment for the proposed Pleasant Street Well Property or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye 97, Nay 55 to Pass Over.**

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Surplus Account, a sum of monies to be added to the October 2, 1995 Special Town Meeting, Article 19, Water Exploration, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Water Commissioners

Finance Committee does not recommend.

**VOTED Aye 90, Nay 68 to transfer from the Water Surplus Account, \$108,000.00 to be added to the October 2, 1995 Special Town Meeting, Article 19, Water Exploration.**

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will transfer a sum of money from free cash, the stabilization fund or lottery receipts to fund an engineering plan necessary to obtain local and state approval of a fire protection system at Camp Kiwanee and Cranberry Cove or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Recreation Commission

Finance Committee recommends to pass over.

**VOTED Aye to pass over.**

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Free Cash and/or transfer from Additional Lottery Receipt to pay unpaid bills from fiscal year 1999.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$382.64 from Free Cash to pay unpaid bills from the fiscal year 1999.**

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote and approve a transfer of a sum of money from Stabilization to install a new HVAC system in the Library/Senior Center or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Capital Improvement Comm.

Finance Committee does not recommend.

**VOTED Aye to pass over.**

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to accept G. L. Chapter 41, Section 19K and G.L. Chapter 41, Section 108P, which sections provide for additional compensation of a Town Clerk or Municipal Collector or Treasurer upon certification to take any other action thereto.

Proposed by Town Clerk and

Treasurer/Collector

**Explanation:** Allows additional compensation of a Town Clerk or Municipal Collector or Treasurer upon certification. The additional compensation shall be an amount equal to 10% of such annual compensation, but not more than \$1,000.00 per year.

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to accept G. L. Chapter 41, Section 19K and G.L. Chapter 41, Section 108P, which sections provide for additional compensation of a Town Clerk or Municipal Collector or Treasurer upon certification .**

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash and/or transfer from Additional Lottery Receipts to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting Article 5 Line 86 Veteran's Benefits or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Veteran's Agent

Finance Committee recommends to pass over.

**VOTED Aye to Pass Over.**

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash and/or transfer from additional lottery receipts and/or transfer from the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 93, S.S. Vo-Tech, to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 108, Town Gasoline or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Highway Surveyor

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$5,000.00 from the Additional Lottery Receipts to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, line 108, Gasoline.**

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash and/or transfer from additional lottery receipts and/or transfer from the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 93, S.S. Vo-Tech, to be added to the 1998 Annual Town Meeting Article 9 Sidewalks or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye to Pass Over.**

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available Free Cash and/or transfer from additional lottery receipts and/or transfer from the 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 93, S.S. Vo-Tech, to be added to the 1999 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, Line 9 Town Hall Custodian or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye unanimous to transfer \$4,100.00 from 1999 Annual Town Meeting, Article 5, Line 93, S S Vo-Tech, to be added to the**

**1999 Annual Town Meeting Article 5, line 9, Town Hall Custodian.**

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the \$500.00 balance from the 175th Anniversary Account for the purpose of summer band concerts under the direction of the Board of Selectmen or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee recommends.

**VOTED Aye to transfer the \$500.00 balance from the 175th Anniversary Account for the purpose of summer band concerts under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.**

**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available Free Cash and/or transfer from additional Lottery Receipts and/or the Stabilization Fund the sum of Forty Thousand (\$40,000) for the purchase of MGL c. 61A land located on Assessors Plan 31, Lots 3, 4A and 5 currently owned by Northland Cranberry or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Finance Committee does not recommend.

**VOTED Aye to Pass Over.**

**VOTED Aye at 10:40 p.m. to dissolve the meeting.**

A true copy, Attest:

Sandra E. Harris, CMC, CMMC  
***Town Clerk***